

3/28/74

EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to my satisfaction that there presently exists on Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina, a state of emergency due to the destruction of the James F. Byrnes Bridge on Highway No. 278, which effectively severed Hilton Head Island from the mainland and

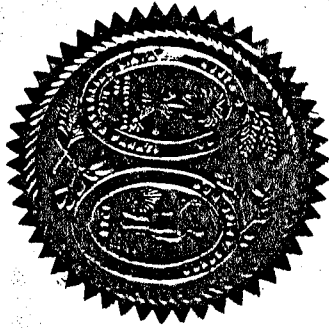
WHEREAS, the isolation of Hilton Head Island caused by the destruction of the said bridge, does present a critical situation in which a present danger does exist, and

WHEREAS, it appears that extreme steps must be taken to preserve the health, peace, and general welfare of the citizens of Hilton Head Island, NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION, STATUTES, AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, and upon request from the legislative delegation of Beaufort County, and in order to minimize the danger of life, limb and property, and protect the rights of the citizens of Hilton Head Island, I do declare that a state of emergency does exist on Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina, and I do hereby authorize, order and direct:

1. THAT any and all law enforcement officers of the State and its subdivisions and all other persons in authority do whatever may be necessary to maintain peace and good order within the area hereinbefore described until a state of emergency is declared by me no longer to exist; and

2. THAT, pursuant to the above granted authority any law enforcement officer shall have the right to order the curtailment of any electrical, water, or other nonessential utility service; and

3. The provisions of this Executive Order and Proclamation shall remain in effect until such time as it is amended, or rescinded by me.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina, at Columbia, South Carolina, this 28th day of March, 1974.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John C. West", written over a horizontal line.

John C. West
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "O. Frank Thornton", written over a horizontal line.

O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State